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Document Title:	Applic for Confidential Designation, CalCapture PTA Project, CRC Response to CEC Data Request, Set 1, CR Item 25 (TN#269272)
Description:	CRC's Application for Confidential Designation is in support of the CEC's requested data for Item 25 of the Data Request submitted under TN#269272). It provides the Cultural Resource DPR 523 site records for CRC Site-AV-1 and SRC Site-AV-2.
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**Re: Application for Confidential Designation, CalCapture, CCS Project, Docket Number 99-AFC-01
PTA of Elk Hills Power Plant, Kern County, CA; CRC Response to CEC Data Request, Set 1,
Cultural Resource Item 25 (TN # 269272)**

Dear Ms. Gutierrez:

Pursuant to Sections 2505 et seq., of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, a California Resources Corporation (CRC), hereby submits this Application for Confidential Designation for DPR 523 Site records – CRC Site-AV-1 and CRC Site-AV-2 to be submitted in support of the Petition for Modification: Elk Hills Power Plant, which contains locational information of cultural resource artifacts.

Submittals of AV-1 & AV-2 are in response to the CEC's Data Request, Set 1, Cultural Resource Item 25 (TN# 269272. Item 25 requests that CRC provide Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 Forms for the two newly recorded sites, CRC Site-AV-1 and CRC Site-AV-2, which are enclosed as part of this application for confidential designation.

Please contact Daniel I. Padilla at 970.412.2776 (Daniel.Padilla@crc.com) or Nina Casterline at 661.557.7080 (Nina.Casterline@crc.com) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

B. Joe Ashley
Director - Governmental & External Affairs

Attachment: See next page (two pages).

cc: File

**APPLICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION
ELK HILLS POWER PLANT (99-AFC-01)
PTA FOR CALCAPTURE PROJECT, CRC Response to
CEC Data Request, Set 1, Item 25 (TN#269272)**

1. *Specifically indicate those parts of the record which should be kept confidential.*

a. Title, date, and description (including number of pages) of the information or data for which you request confidential designation.

- Document Title: Appendix B_CONFIDENTIAL_20260601.pdf

- Document Description: DPR 523 Form containing two newly recorded sites (CRC Site-AV-1 and CRC Site-AV-2).

- Number of pages: 31.

- Request for confidential documentation: entire document.

b. Parts of the information or data for which you request confidential designation.

CRC seeks confidential designation for DPR 523 forms for CRC Site-AV-1 and CRC Site-AV-2 submitted in support of the Petition for Modification: CalCapture CCS Project. The Information should be kept confidential as it contains sensitive information regarding the location of cultural resources.

2. *State the length of time the record should be kept confidential and provide justification for the length of time.*

The Information should be held confidential indefinitely to protect the cultural resources identified therein.

3. *Cite and discuss:*

(a) the provisions of the Public Records Act or other law that allow the Commission to keep the information or data confidential and explain why the provision applies to the material.

The Public Records Act exempts from disclosure archaeological site information and reports maintained by or in the possession of agencies. (See, Govt. Code § 7927.005.) These provisions apply to the Information because it provides locational information regarding archaeological site information, including information maintained as confidential by the California Office of Historic Preservation and California Department of Parks and Recreation.

(b) the public interest in nondisclosure of the material submitted for confidential designation. If the material contains trade secrets or its disclosure would otherwise cause loss of a competitive advantage, please state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant and the ease or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.

California Government Code Section 7922.000 provides that an agency may withhold information from disclosure where the public interest served by nondisclosure clearly outweighs the public interest of disclosure. The public interest in nondisclosure outweighs that of disclosure, as disclosure may enable the location of sensitive cultural resources sites by entities conducting unauthorized collection or disturbance of such resources.

4. *State whether the information may be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions, and if so the degree of aggregation or masking required.*

The Applicant considered whether it would be possible to aggregate or mask the information. A redacted version of the Cultural Resources Report (Appendix I) to the Petition for Modification of the CalCapture CCS Project will be prepared and docketed.

5. *State whether and how the information is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has ever been disclosed to a person other than an employee of the applicant, and if so under what circumstances.*

The Information is accessible only to the Applicant's employees or consultants working on behalf of the CalCapture CCS Project, and regulatory agencies that have regulatory oversight or other responsibilities over either the Information or the Elk Hills Power Plant.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this Application for Confidential Designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am authorized to make this Application and Certification on behalf of the Applicant.

Date: June 15, 2026

CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION

By: 

B. Joe Ashley
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